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1. NATIONAL OFFICE OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATION DECLARED JAN 31 THAT THE MEDIA SHOULD CEASE AIRING ANY NEW COMMENTARY OR REBUTTALS TO THE FREI PAMPHLET. THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT DESCRIBED THE JAN 23 DECISION TO PERMIT CIRCULATION OF HIS PUBLICATION AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULES AND STATED THAT CONTINUING COMMENTARIES WERE THREATENING TO BECOME A VIOLATION OF THE RECESS OF PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND WOULD HAVE TO STOP.

2. NEVERTHELESS, THE STATEMENT APPEARS TO AUTHORIZE THE MEDIA TO REHASH THE COMMENTARY ALREADY PUBLISHED. VIRTUALLY ALL OF THIS MATERIAL WAS A PRODUCT OF THE CONCERTED GOC CAMPAIGN AGAINST FREI. THE PDC HAS NOT YET LAUNCHED ITS REBUTTAL AND UNDER THE NEW GUIDELINES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO SO LEGALLY.

3. THE STATEMENT SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED THE CITIZENRY SHOULD SHOW SOLIDARITY IN THE FACE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY AGAINST CHILE, RATHER THAN CONTINUE WITH A STERILE DEBATE REMINISCENT OF THE DISCREDITED

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PARTISAN POLITICS OF THE PAST. POLITICIANS, IT ADDED,

INTENTIONALLY OR INADVERTENTLY, HAD INCREASED THE INTERNATIONAL
AGGRESSION AGAINST CHILE.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT EXPECT THE MEDIA TO DO MUCH MORE
REHASHING. AS FAR AS THE GOC IS CONCERNED, IT HAS HAD ITS
SAY AND THE SOONER THIS CHAPTER CLOSES THE BETTER.
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